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1. Four 37-mm AA guns were observed dug-in at Bornstedterfeld, north of Ruinenberg, on 22 May 1950. A six-pole tent with about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, another tent occupied by a captain and three senior lieutenants, and a wooden kitchen shed were located nearby. About fifty 18-year-old recruits with red-bordered black epaulets arrived daily from the Hohenlohe Kaserne for aiming and loading practice. (1)

- 25X1 2. A convoy of 25 trucks coming from the direction of Doeberitz, was observed on
25X1 the highway to Leipzig at 8:30 a.m. on 25 May 1950. Another convoy of 25
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25X1 came from Potsdam and proceeded toward Leipzig at 9 a.m. on the
25X1 same day.
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3. About 150 soldiers with full packs, wearing black epaulets with lightning insignia, entered the NCO school on Jaegerallee on 6 June 1950. The men had closely cropped hair and were 19 or 20 years old. About 150 artillerymen were observed in the installation.
4. The temporary billets, and the factory building housing the officer academy on Thaelmannstrasse, Babelsberg, were occupied by about 600 infantry and engineer troops between 1 and 8 June 1950. The large factory hall was divided into rooms by partition walls, each containing 20 double-decker beds. (3)
5. About 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the printing shop of the Fuess factory on Zeppelinstrasse, corner of Feuerbachstrasse, between 1 and 8 June 1950.
6. Forty EM, up to and including sergeants, from the Delius Kaserne were shipped to the U.S.S.R. for discharge on 10 May 1950. The men had new clothes. It was said that their cockades and epaulets would be removed when they reached the Soviet border. Fifty more soldiers of the 1924 and 1925 classes were discharged from the Delius Kaserne on 27 May 1950, another 50 EM of the same classes on 2 June, and 60 EM on 6 June 1950. All Jewish officers of the artillery unit were shipped back to the U.S.S.R. on 9 June 1950. (4)

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7. One hundred and twenty recruits, including Czechs and Poles, arrived at the Delius Kaserne on 8 June 1950. The ration strength at Delius Kaserne was 18 officers, excluding married officers eating at home, and 620 RM on 9 June 1950. (5)

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8. [] a battery of nine guns with prime movers, two reserve prime movers, eight trucks, one field kitchen and one truck loaded with signal and radio equipment left the Delius Kaserne on 12 May 1950, allegedly for Jueterbog. (6)

- 25X1 9. Delius Kaserne filling station was refueled from eight tank trucks []
25X1 [] on 18 May 1950. Four tank trucks and two trucks loaded with ammunition, allegedly of 125 and 174 mm caliber, went to the Bornstedterfeld supply dump of the artillery unit on 30 May 1950. Ammunition and fuel were unloaded at the Bornstedterfeld dump on 9 June 1950. Eight new 125-mm guns arrived at the Delius Kaserne on 22 May 1950.

10. About 50 soldiers from the Hohenlohe Kaserne were seen for the first time marching to the eight AA guns and two searchlights emplaced at Section 240 of the Neditz Forest on 16 May 1950. They were repeatedly observed on the subsequent days. The men at the emplacements drew their provisions from the Hohenlohe Kaserne. The AA ammunition hauled to the ammunition dump on the golf course on 19 May 1950 allegedly came from Satzkorn.

11. About 150 officer candidates, 21 to 23 years old, marched from the entrance of Neuer Garten to the officer candidate school on 1 June 1950. A workman employed in the school said, on 4 June 1950, that three new training groups of 380 trainees each had arrived. One training group was composed of junior lieutenants, another of lieutenants and the third of senior lieutenants. After graduation from a two-month course the officers were to be promoted one rank. (7)

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- [] 12. [] was assigned to a chemical laboratory at 23 Gregor-Mendelstrasse, Potsdam with the cover name Kusmuk Economy. The laboratory analyzed food for the Soviet Occupation Forces. In early June 1950 Gds Captain Berizin (fnu) was identified as the new chief. (8)

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- 25X1 13. [] belonged to the "Dancing and Singing Ensemble of the Soviet Army" stationed in the concert hall at 24 Hegel Allee, Potsdam, and at Potsdam Luftschiffhafen. Major Stakov (fnu) was identified as the new CO in early June 1950. Lieutenant Colonel Sakharov (fnu), Major Boiko (fnu), and Major Skomarovski (fnu) of the unit had been relieved. (9)

- 25X1 14. The Ruinenberg Kaserne on Pappelallee, Potsdam, previously housed Unit [] with the cover name Kalabin Economy, a Soviet officers' hotel. The Mamrai Economy, with tank officers, has been recently identified in the installation but apparently had no connection with Unit []

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- 25X1 15. [] was assigned to the Zidoshenko Economy, Potsdam-Wildpark-West, a military hospital with personnel wearing green epaulets. Documents by the unit were signed by Zidoshenko (fnu). (11)

- 25X1 16. [] was observed in Potsdam for the first time in early June 1950, commanded by Babkin (fnu). It is not known whether the outfit is connected with the Soviet Trade Offices []

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- 25X1 17. [] belonged to a Potsdam-Bornstedt unit commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Buzanov (fnu). It was identified for the first time in early June 1950.

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18. [] was assigned to a unit in Delius Kaserne, Potsdam.

25X1 Lieutenant Colonel Gzenko (fnu), riding in passenger car []
25X1 was identified as the new commanding officer in early June 1950.
25X1 Trucks seen in the barracks yard []
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Motorized pontoon carriers were still in the Delius Kaserne. (13)

25X1 19. Unit [] was still in the Jaeger Kaserne at 23 Jaegerallee, Potsdam, in early June 1950. Its cover name was Lelekov Economy. The supply officer was Captain Kulibaba (fnu). Personnel of the unit wore black-bordered red epaulets.

20. Gds Major Trufakin (fnu) was identified as commanding officer of the Caecilienhof area in early June 1950. (15)

25X1 21. [] belonged to the Gorodok 7 office located in the restricted area at 18 Albrechtstrasse, Potsdam. Russians referred to the office as the kommandatura. (16)

25X1 [] Comments.

(1) Training of recruits of a component unit of the 2d Gds AAA Div.

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(3) A previous report [] indicated that the officer academy was apparently occupied by new troops. []

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(4) The discharge of older EM in late May and early June 1950 was also reported from other posts. []

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(5) Agrees with previous reports [] stated that elements of the artillery units stationed there had moved to Jueterbog and Altengradow in March and April 1950, and that other elements held firing practice in Doeberitz. []

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(6) Movement of an artillery unit to a training grounds, possibly Werder-Markendorf.

(7) [] the officer candidate school housed officers of the Potsdam administrative office, a signal unit and a guard unit. []

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The information on courses for officer candidates and officers in the Kriegsschule is new, but is considered possible.

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(8) Unit [] was previously reported. The cover name Kusmuk Economy was derived from the name of the previous CO, Captain Kusmuk (fnu).

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25X1 (9) [] was reported [] as "Soviet Army Dancing and Singing Ensemble" at 24 Hegelallee, Potsdam, and at Potsdam Luftschiffhafen in April and May 1949. [] Lieutenant Colonel Sakharov (fnu) was last reported as chief of the ensemble in September 1949; Major Boiko (fnu) as his deputy, and Major Skomarovski (fnu) as an officer of Unit []

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The ensemble is probably subordinate to the Supply Section of the Political Administration of the GORC. []

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(10) [redacted] the Ruinenberg Kaserne on Pappelallee, Potsdam, a Soviet hotel with the cover name Kalabin [redacted] in September 1949; and a Saitsev Economy, commanded by Colonel Saitsev (fnu), [redacted] in October 1949, which was probably an SCC procurement office. A Gds Major Mamrai (fnu) has been the new CO since mid-March 1950. [redacted] The Mamrai Economy mentioned is probably the SCC procurement office previously designated Saitsev Economy. [redacted]

(11) [redacted] was previously known to belong to the Zidoshenko Economy, headed by Lieutenant Colonel Zidoshenko, (fnu). [redacted] It may be a military hospital.

(12) [redacted] was observed with Magdeburg and Schwerin commercial offices of the Third Shock Army in August 1949. [redacted] It was not reported from Potsdam before. [redacted]

(13) [redacted] confirms the unidentified engineer brigade or regiment of the GOFG in the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam-Nedlitz, prior to early June 1950.

(14) [redacted] was observed, possibly with an accounting office, in the Potsdam area in October 1948. [redacted] It was last identified on a Soviet document in Strassburg in February 1950. [redacted] The latter report indicated that the [redacted] belonged to a high level accounting office. An office [redacted] allegedly a central accounting or paymaster office, was identified at 23 Jaegerallee, Potsdam, [redacted] in March 1950. [redacted] Possibly both [redacted] the same central accounting office of the GOFG or SCC.

(15) The Caecilienhof area is part of the restricted area of Neuer Garten.

(16) [redacted] was reported [redacted] in May 1949 as belonging to an office for public relations and political activities on Albrechtstrasse, Potsdam. That office had the designation Gorodok [redacted]

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